

Pepperell Mass.

Woods Retreat Dec 1st 1859

My Dear friend May. I have
just come in from my library,
and find on my table ^{the} enclosed ~~two~~
~~at~~ questions left here in my absence
by a young man of much promise
a student at Amherst College
and only son of one of the best fam-
ilies in Town.

The secret of all this is just here;
The young man is a member of
a society ^{of} ~~within~~ the college students
a sort of ~~religious~~ missionary
organization & helms. who once a
year select & create to pronounce
& orations on such subjects as
the creators may think will best
subserve the cause of religion &
vital morality. This young Lawrence
has selected the life, Character &
purport of Garrison for his

them and has applied to me
for such & help as I could offer
him. I feel ashamed not to be
able to furnish the needed in-
formation; but I dare not trust
~~my~~ self when dates & numbers
~~at~~ are sought with accuracy, ^{on} Results
I seldom mistake but I cannot
without great labor, show satisfactori-
ly how I arrived at them. Feeling
a strong interest in this effort of a
young man for whom I have a
paternal fondness, I desire his effort
be a credible and triumphant ex-
hibition of one to whom I am largely
indebted for clear and distinct views
on the great issues that now agitate
the heads and disturb the consciences
of the people of our land.

I hope you will pardon me there-
fore for making this demand on
your time. ~~at this time~~ ^{more} ~~is~~ ^{is} much
as our common cause is ~~more~~ ^{more} likely

to be aided than otherwise.

We have a public meeting to-morrow evening commemorative of the life & character of John Brown the American Reformer whose life is a ~~parallel~~ paralleled with ~~the~~ him of Margaret with one exception the garden scene is omitted in the life of Brown. The sorrow, the persecution the death on one hand, the high moral purpose, the spotless life the aims, the compassion on the other, will cause the Galleries of Church Down to reach as far across the eyes, as the cross on Pulver.

Do you see any thing of Sewall Mitchell now a days? I received a letter from him some days since stating his intention of making a Lecturing tour with a "Lady of a highly reformatory character" her name I do not learn nor the subjects on which they intend to

Heck. has will & zeal,
perhaps some other good qualities
but his proposal was a novelty to

I inclose two dollars fifty cents
(\$2,50) for the Liberator ^{to} the year ending
Jan 1st 1860 which he is good
as to put to my credit
and oblige your friend &
colaborer A. Wood

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